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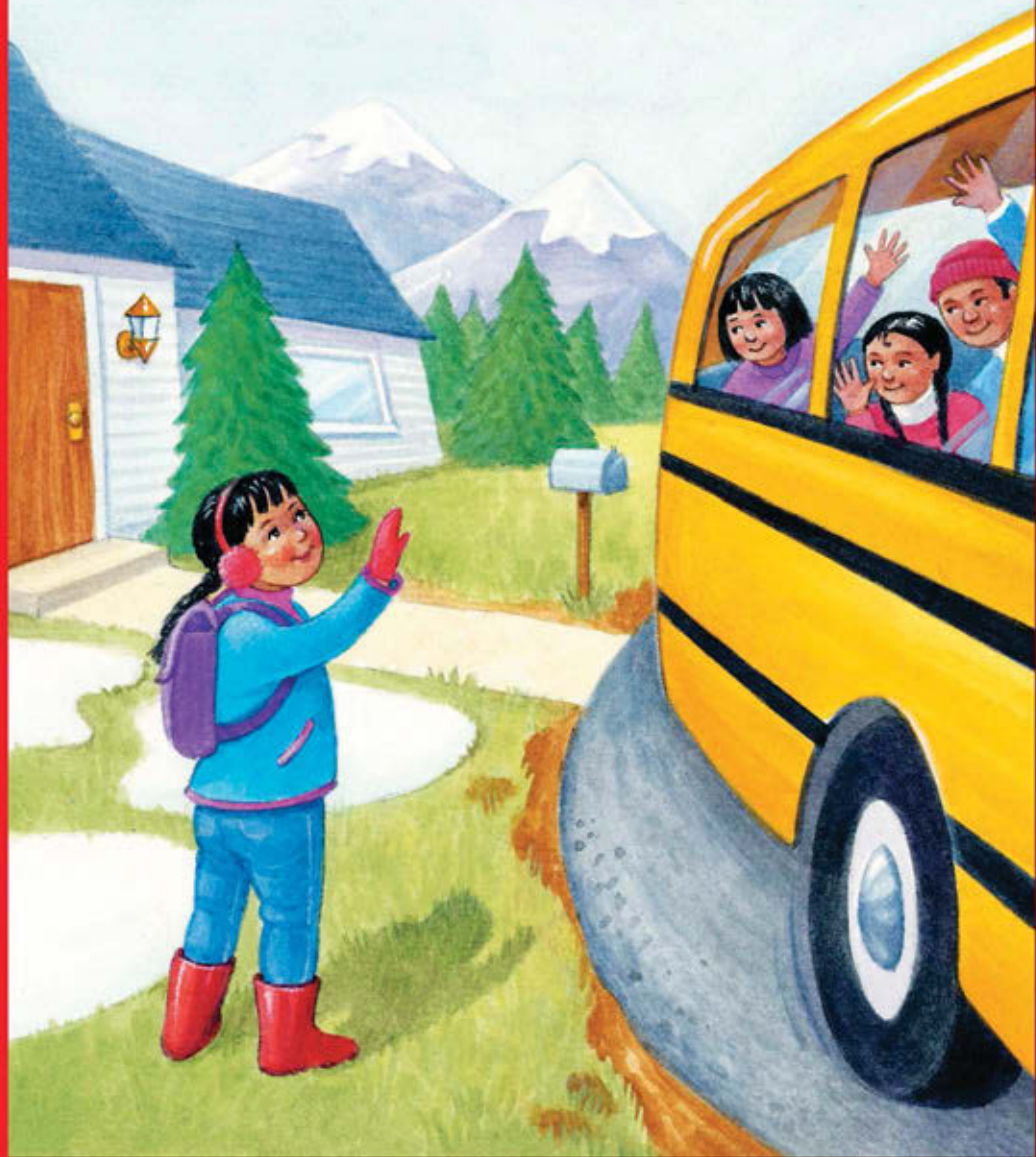
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At Home in Nome





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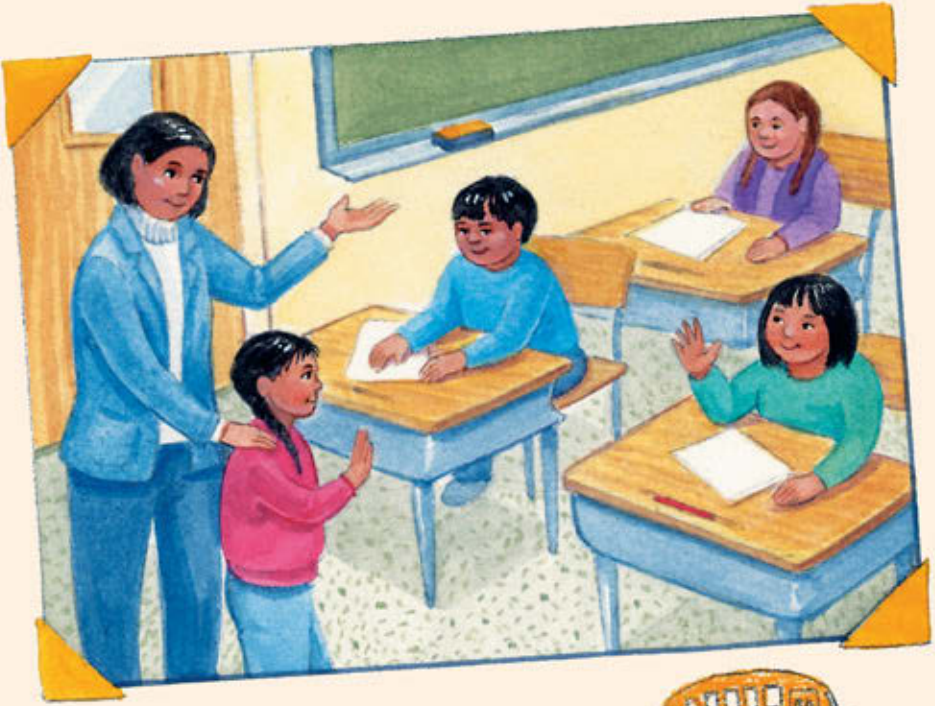
I am in Nome. My family just moved here. I have a lot to tell. I have a big bed and not just a cot. I have a new school, too. I am scared because I do not know the kids. I hope they like me. I hope I make a lot of friends.

May 11

It is May, but it is still cold! Do not take off your hat. It is not hot like it is back home.

There were fox prints in the mud.
Dad took a picture to take home.





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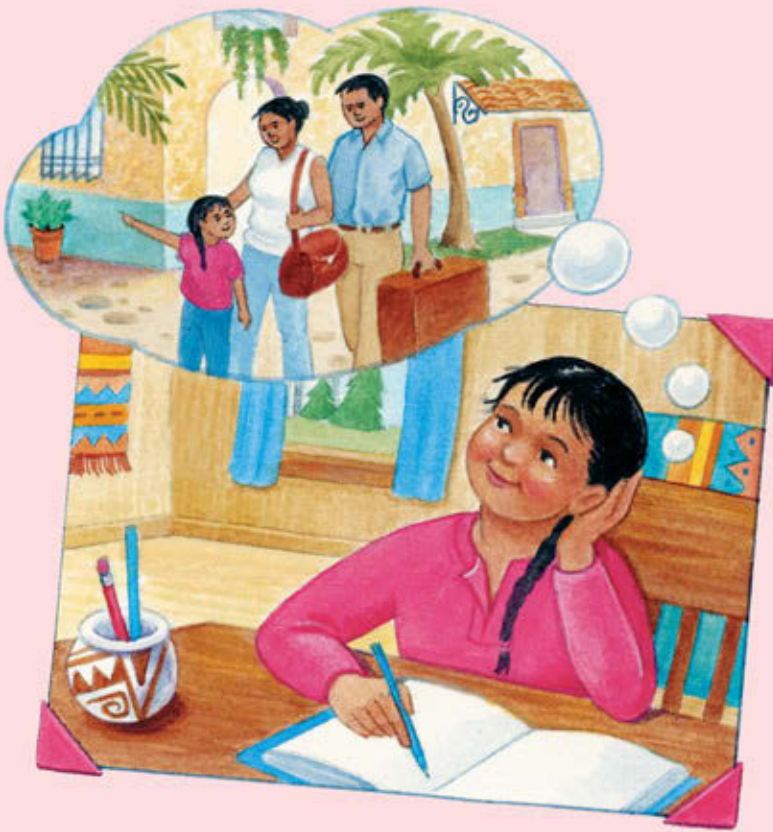
Mom drove me to school. Back home I rode my bike. I like to ride.

All the kids spoke to me! I like my class. I made lots of friends. I will get to ride a big bus to school, too!

May 23

There are crab and cod in Nome.
I am glad I like cod. Yum! Yum!
Mom will make crab on the stove.
I hope I like it!





May 30

I will like making a trip back home some time. I miss my pals. I miss sitting in the sun. I miss running in the grass. I miss riding a bike. But for now, I am glad to have a home in Nome!

At Home in a Pond



A fish is at home in a big pond. It can swim home in a cave next to a cove. But, not all can swim alone.



Fish can swim in a big group. Fish swimming together is a school. It is like a family. Fish can swim, and It is safe.



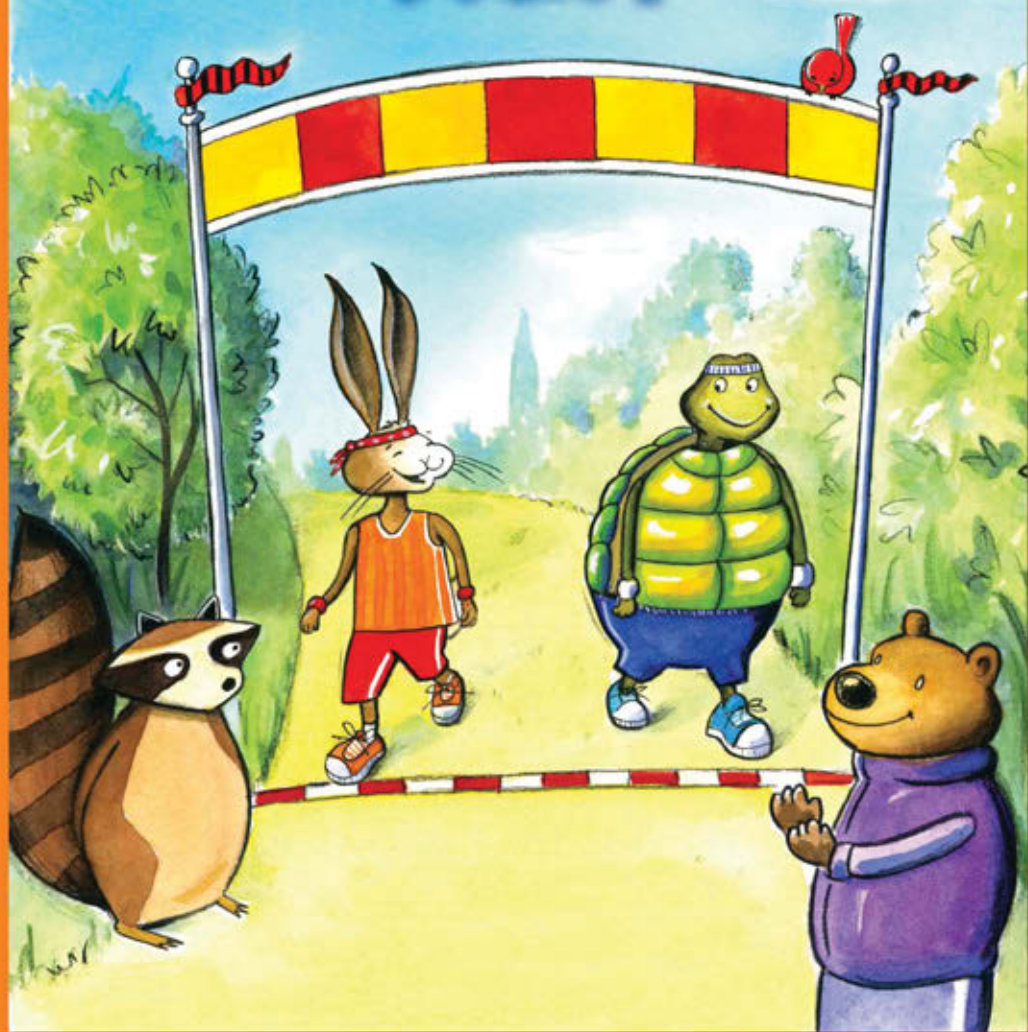
Cod will not swim in a pond. Cod can not swim in a pond, but cod can swim in a school. Cod can swim next to rocks and stones. Cod will swim to get food. Cod can be safe in a big, big group.

Yes! Swim, cod, swim.



A lone fish is not safe. A school is big. A lot of fish together can help make it safe.

Duke and Bud's Run





On a June day, Bud the hare was sitting in the hot sun. "I bet I can win any race," Bud yelled. Bud could hop and run for miles and miles and miles. Bud was as fast as a man on a bike.

Duke the tortoise was sitting in the hot sun, too. He was up on a big hill in a tub of mud. Duke yelled to Bud, "I will race you. And I bet I will win because I am not rude like you. It is not wise to brag."





"Duke, you are funny," Bud said,
"I have won five times. You will
not win. I am fast! I am the best!"

"Yes, you and I should race,"
Duke said. "You are fast, but I am
wise. Run and change, Bud."

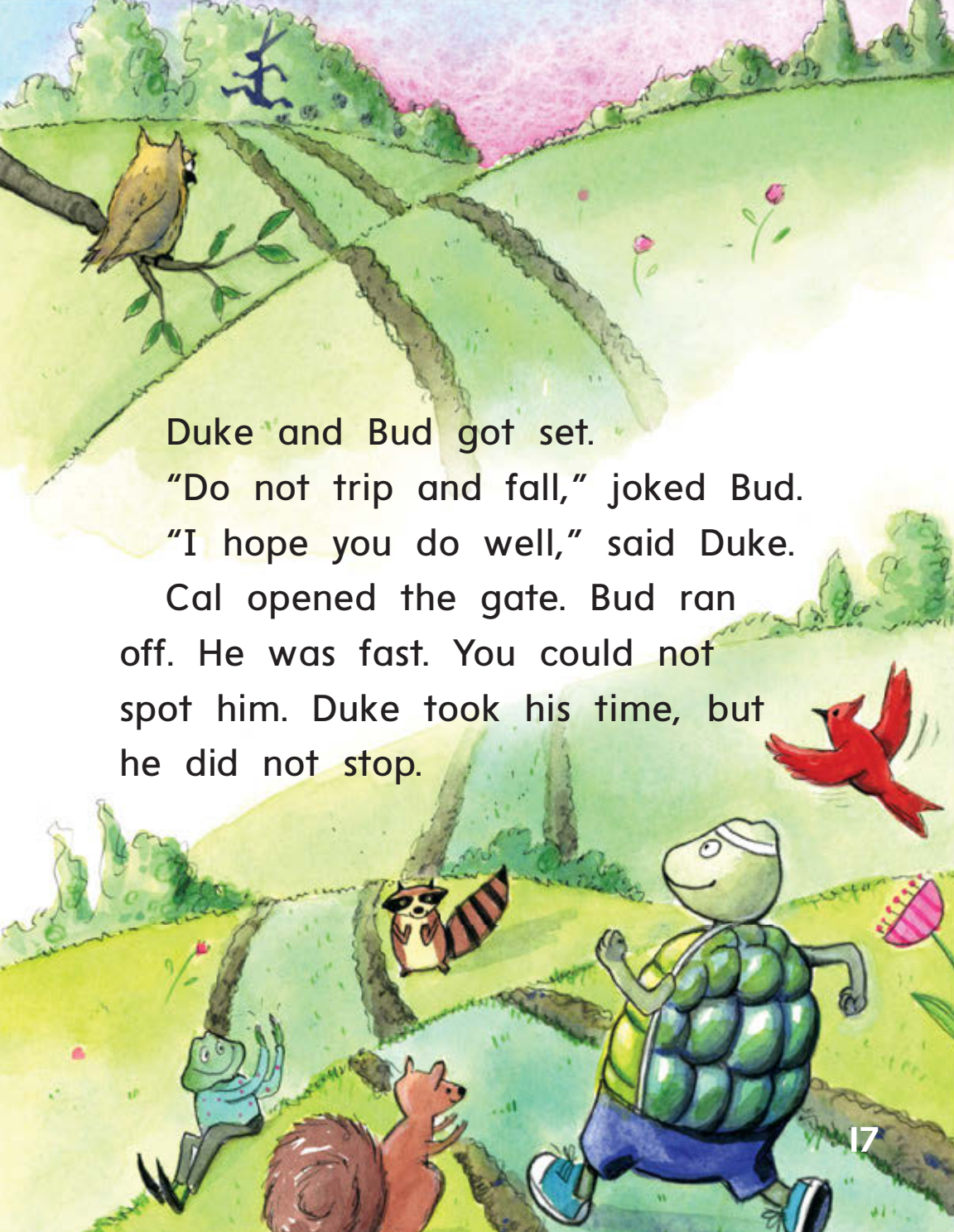
Duke and Bud came to race at six. Bud had a big jug of water and a fan. Duke just had a bit of a smile.

Duke and Bud's friends came in time to see their race and cheer.





“Look,” said Cal the cub. “I will tell you the rules. I will open the gate and hit a bell. You must run on the grass and not in the mud. Do not stop. To win, run up the hill and get to the red line.”

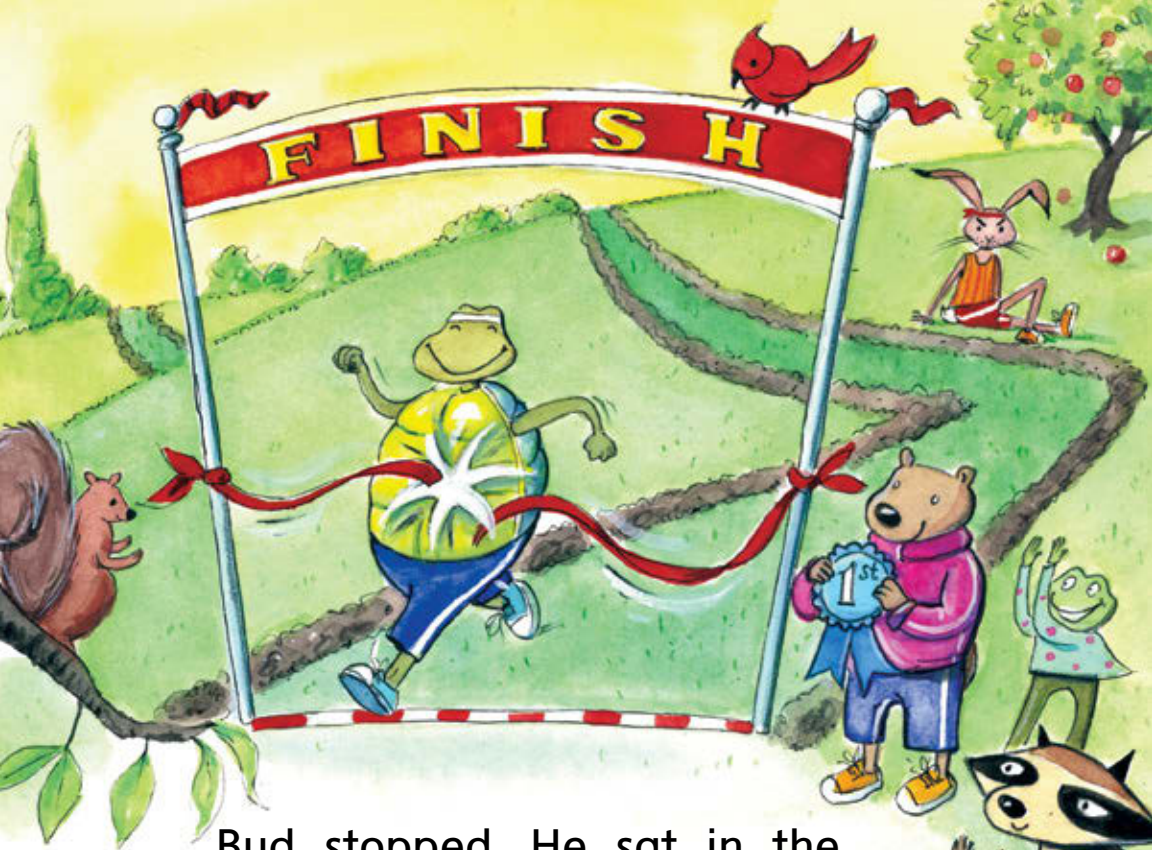


Duke and Bud got set.

"Do not trip and fall," joked Bud.

"I hope you do well," said Duke.

Cal opened the gate. Bud ran off. He was fast. You could not spot him. Duke took his time, but he did not stop.



Bud stopped. He sat in the grass and hummed a tune. He sipped from his red jug. Bud even took a nap.

Duke did not go fast, but he did not stop. Bud woke up too late. Duke got to the red line and won! Bud was fuming.

Cute Cubs and Pups



Yes! Cubs and pups are cute,
cute, cute!



A cute cub is on a huge bit of ice.
It will not fall! It is with its mom. Bears,
lions and tigers are cubs. Cute cubs can
have fun. Cubs jump up and run in mud
and muck. Fun! Cubs will sit in the hot
sun.



Small dogs are pups. Otters and seals are pups. Yes! Pups are cute. A pup just likes a soft rub. Rub a cute pup a lot! It is fun.



A pup is snug. It likes a hug. Yes!
Moms of pups and cubs are huge. Pups
and cubs are not huge yet. But trust us,
they will get big.

CUTE PUPS	CUTE CUBS
seals	bears
otters	lions
dogs	tigers

Animal Places and Spaces





Animals make nice homes in many places and spaces.

This big wolf's home is a cave. The wolf has cubs in the cave. The cubs are safe there. Big cats and bats make fine homes in big caves too.

A mole lodges in the ground. It digs and digs making a hole it uses as its home. In a hole a mole gets food like grubs. A mole will pop straight out of a hole and show its face, but likes it best under the ground. It is safe there.





What animal makes a fine home in a huge tree? A squirrel lives in a tree. It can pull nuts off the tree. A squirrel stuffs nuts in its face making it bulge. A tree is a safe place to hide and play.

A nest is a home for a bird. Birds use twigs, grass, and mud to make nests. Some nests look like cups. In a nest, birds can dodge enemies. Some birds will not budge if they are sitting on eggs. Birds can reuse a nest or make a new nest.





A spider makes its home in a web. It spins a web. A web can get big. It is made out of silk. A web looks like lace you buy. You can dislike big spiders, but they trap bad bugs in their webs. Spiders dine on bugs.

Lots of animals make homes in water. Crabs and fish live in water almost as blue as the sky. Fish swim and dive in big waves. Some crabs move on and change homes. Some crabs wash up in hot sand.



On these pages
you saw homes
in lots of places
and spaces. Caves,
nests, and webs
make nice homes.



Could an animal make a home
in your home? Yes, a cage can
make a nice home for some pets.
Get a pet and make a home!

Animal	Home
wolf, cat, bat	cave
mole	hole
squirrel	tree
bird	nest
spider	web
crab, fish	water
pet	cage

Mice on Ice



In a place called Sage, a spot of water froze on cement. It changed to ice. Now, it was a nice ice rink just for mice!



Lots of mice came to skate on the frigid ice rink. It was a nice place. It was not big. The mice had lots of space to skate straight in a line, and it was a nice place to dance.



The nice mice ate food like rice and fudge. Some mice spent just a cent for a slice of cake. The mice had fun.



A big pigeon saw the ice rink. It came and sat at the edge. It did not budge.

"I am Stace, Can I skate?" she asked.

"Yes," the mice said. "Skate on ice. It is fun!"

Baby Watch



Some baby animals can hatch from an egg. Some baby animals look like mom and dad. Some do not. These playful pups look like mom. Dog moms can have seven or eight pups at a time.



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Early on, this baby will try to walk. Its long, thin legs shake, but it will start to run in just a bit. When this baby has to rest, it can take a nap while it is standing up.



This isn't a little baby. It is huge! What can this big baby learn? It can learn to use its long trunk. It can grab food, get wet, and hang on to a pal. When an elephant gets hot, it is time for a long mud bath. It likes that!



Some animal moms watch their babies. A little fish can make a nice lunch for a big fish. These baby fish swim close to mom. If one is in danger, it can rush and swim in to mom's mouth. It is safe there.



This cat is not in a big cage. Can you spot its face? Cubs hide while mom gets food. Mom can not chat with the cubs on a phone, but she can moan to get them. Cubs like running and playing, just like kids!

Phil the Chick



Phil the baby chick chipped at his shell. He did not get help. Then Phil hatched!



Phil sat in the shade to watch his Mom. "When can I learn things?" Phil asked. "I wish I could use my wings like Mom. I wish I was big like Mom. I want to try to do fun things like Mom."



Phil was thankful that he had such a nice Mom. Phil liked his Mom to sing to him.

“Cluck, cluck, cluck,” she sang. Phil hoped to sing like his Mom, too.



But just to think about things made Phil tired. It was such a big task to hatch! Phil had to take a nap.

His Mom gazed at him and chanted, "Cluck, Cluck, Cluck."

Mrs. Sprig's Spring Flowers





"When can I help?"

Chip asked.

"It is time, Chip," Mrs. Sprig spoke up. "Move that dirt pile by those far shrubs into this field."

Thad wished he could help, but he was just too little.



"It is time to dig holes in this spot," said Mrs. Sprig with a smile.

Chip was strong. Chip dug and dug. He made a long strip of holes. Then Chip stopped to scratch his leg.

Thad just sat and watched.



"Next you must get this dirt wet," said Mrs. Sprig.

Chip grabbed a big hose. It was fun making water splish and splash until the dirt was ready. It looked like mud.

Thad *really* wished he could help.





Mrs. Sprig had packs of strange little seeds. "I like lots and lots of spring flowers," she said.

"Thad, you are just the right size for this fun job. Shake seeds in the holes just like this," Mrs. Sprig said.





Thad was thrilled to pitch in.
Mrs. Sprig said, "This seed will
grow into a blue flower. It will
need light and water. Then you
will see leaves spring up. This seed
will grow into a big orange
and white flower."





Bird stopped to sit and chat.

"Bird, it is nice that you came.
I like your red hat," said Mrs. Sprig.

"We are done planting. We will
scrub up and change. Then you
can have pie with us."





Mrs. Sprig, Chip, Thad, and Bird sat in the sun and had pie. Chip ate a little slice, and Thad ate a big slice!

Mrs. Sprig sat back and pictured a flowerbed filled with lots and lots of spring flowers.



A Thrilling Bird That Hums



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and thrilling facts.

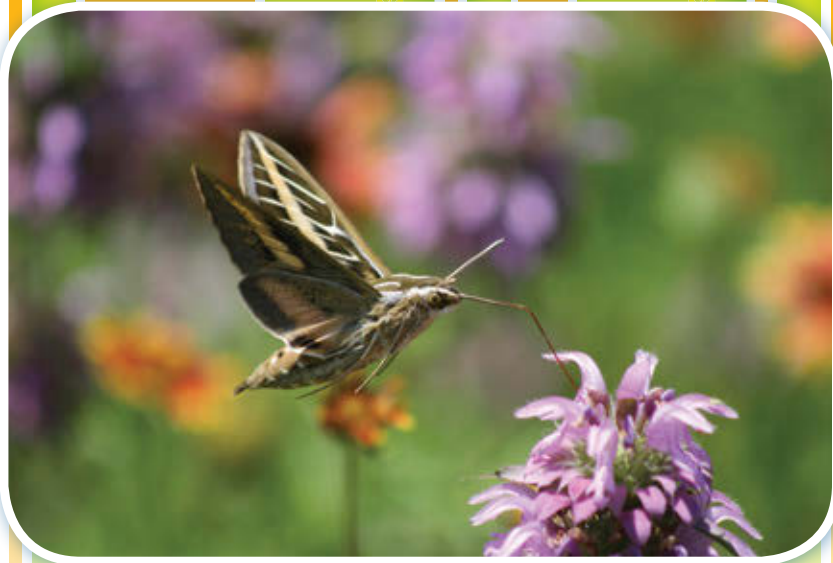


A hummingbird is a small bird. It can flap its wings wide and fast. It can zip, zip, zip. It flaps its wings fast and makes a fun hum, hum, hum.



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This bird has a splendid red neck. Its bill is like a long straw. It pokes its bill inside flowers and gets food. It likes bugs, too. It will not go home until it gets its food.



What Is It?

This is not a hummingbird! It is a nice moth. Do not confuse them. This insect can scratch a plant. Gaze at this insect! Is it strange or thrilling? A hummingbird is unlike this insect. But the two are quite splendid!

DECODABLE WORDS

Target Phonics Elements

Short o*: cod, cot, hot, fox, lot, lots, Mom, not, on

Long o: o_e*: home, Nome, hope, drove, rode, spoke, stove

HIGH-FREQUENCY WORDS

because, cold, family, friends, have, know, off, picture, school, took

Review: all, are, do, here, like, me, move, my, new, of, show, some, the, there, they, to, too, were, your

Story Words: May, back, scared

At Home in a Pond

DECODABLE WORDS

Target Phonics Elements

Short o*: cod, lot, not, pond, rocks

Long o: o_e*: alone, cove, home, stones

HIGH-FREQUENCY WORDS

family, know, school

Review: all, are, by, help, little, make, of, their, the, these, they, to

Story Words: fish, food, group

Week 2 Duke and Bud's Run

DECODABLE WORDS

Target Phonics Elements

Short u*: Bud, but, funny, hummed, jug, just, must, run, sun, up

Long u: u_e*: Duke, June, rude, rules, tune

HIGH-FREQUENCY WORDS

cheer, change, fall, five, look, open, should, their, won, yes

Review: any, are, because, could, do, even, for, funny, have, he, of, open, said, see, the, to, too, took, was, water, you

Story Words: day, hare, race, tortoise

Cute Cubs and Pups

DECODABLE WORDS

Target Phonics Elements

Short u*: but, chunk, cub, cubs, fun, hug, hunt, jump, just, mud, muck, rub, run, snug, sun, pup, pups, up

Long u: u_e*: cute, huge

HIGH-FREQUENCY WORDS

fall, look, yes

Review: and, are, have, little, of, so, small, the, they

Story Words: bears, lions, otters, seals, tigers

DECODABLE WORDS

Target Phonics Elements

Soft c*: face, lace, nice, place, places, spaces

Soft g*; **dge*:** budge, dodge, lodges;
ge*: huge, pages, cage; **lge*:** bulge;
nge*: change

HIGH-FREQUENCY WORDS

almost, buy, food, out, pull, saw, sky, straight, under, wash

Review: are, change, could, for, look, move, new, of, or, play, show, some, the, their, there, they, this, to, too, water, what, you, your

Story Words: animal(s), birds, blue, enemies, fish, ground, live(s), squirrel, spiders, these, tree

Mice on Ice

DECODABLE WORDS

Target Phonics Elements

Soft c*: cement, cent, city, ice, mice, place, rice, slice, space, Stace

Soft g*; **dge* :** budge, edge, fudge;
g*: frigid, Sage

HIGH-FREQUENCY WORDS

food, saw, sky

Review: for, of, said, she, some, the, to, was, water

Story Words: pigeon

DECODABLE WORDS

Target Phonics Elements

Consonant Digraphs; **ch*:** chat, lunch; **-tch*:** hatch, watch; **sh*:** fish, rush, shake; **ph*:** elephant, phone; **th*:** that, the, their, them, there, these, thin, this; **ng*:** long, hang; **wh*:** what, when, while

HIGH-FREQUENCY WORDS

baby, early, eight, isn't, learn, seven, start, these, try, walk

Review: food, for, from, have, little, look, one, or, she, some, the, their, there, they, to, you

Story Words: animal(s), babies, danger, elephant, moan, mouth, watch

DECODABLE WORDS

Target Phonics Elements

Digraphs and Trigraphs: *ch**: chanted, chipped, chick, such; *-tch**: hatch, hatched; *sh**: shade, shell, wish; *ph**: Phil; *th**: thankful, that, then, think, things, *ng**: sang, sing, things, wings; *wh**: when

HIGH-FREQUENCY WORDS

baby, learn, try

Review: about, could, do, he, my, she, the, to, too, want, was

Story Word: watch

Week 5 Mrs. Sprig's Spring Flowers

WORD COUNT: 278

DECODABLE WORDS

Target Phonics Elements

Three-Letter Blends: *scr**: scratch, scrub; *shr**: shrubs; *spl**: splash, splish; *spr**: Sprig, Sprig's, spring; *str**: strip, strange; *thr**: thrilled

HIGH-FREQUENCY WORDS

bird, far, field, flower, grow, leaves, light, orange, ready, until

Review: are, blue, by, could, done, for, have, he, into, little, looked, move, of, pictured, right, said, see, she, the, to, too, was, water, we, you

Story Words: dirt, need, pie, really, seed(s), strong, watched, we

A Thrilling Bird That Hums

WORD COUNT: 126

DECODABLE WORDS

Target Phonics Elements

Three-Letter Blends *scr**: scratch; *str**: strange; *thr**: thrilling; *spl**: splendid

HIGH-FREQUENCY WORDS

bird, flowers, until

Review: are, do, for, go, or, small, the, too, two, what

Story Words: food, hummingbird, moth, straw

HIGH FREQUENCY WORDS

Grade K

a
and
are
can
come
do
does
for
go
good
has
have
he
help
here
I
is
like
little
look
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my
of
play
said
see
she
the
they
this
to
too
want
was
we
what
where
who
with
you

answer
any
around
away
be
been
before
began
better
blue
boy
brother
brought
build
busy
buy
by
call
carry
caught
children
climb
color
come
could
day
does
done
door
down
early
eat
eight
enough
every
eyes
fall
father
favorite
few
find
flew
food
found
four
friend
from
front
full
fun
girl

give
gone
good
great
green
grow
guess
happy
hard
heard
help
her
how
instead
into
jump
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know
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laugh
learn
listen
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DECODING SKILLS TAUGHT TO DATE

short *a*, *i*; *-s*, *-es* (plural nouns); short *e*, *o*, *u*; *-s*, *-es* (inflectional endings); two-letter blends: *r*-blends, *s*-blends, *t*-blends, *l*-blends; closed syllables; short *a*, long *a*: *a_e*; *-ed*, *-ing* (inflectional endings); short *i*, long *i*: *i_e*; possessives; short *o*, long *o*: *o_e*; short *u*, long *u*: *u_e*; *-ed*, *-ing* (w/ doubling final consonants; drop final *e*); CVCe syllables; soft *c* and *g*: *dge*, *ge*, *lge*, *nge*, *rge*; prefixes *re-*, *un-*, *dis-*; consonant digraphs: *ch*, *-tch*, *sh*, *ph*, *th*, *ng*, *wh*; suffixes *-ful*, *-less*; three-letter blends: *scr*, *spr*, *str*, *thr*, *spl*, *shr*; compound words

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